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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Pandian et al. Art Unit: 1634  
Application No.: 09/940,296 Examiner: E.C. Whisenant  
Filed: August 27, 2001 Conf. No.: 7256  
Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE SENSITIVITY  
OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS

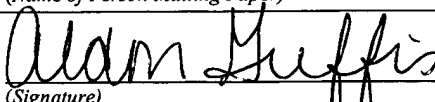
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2003.

The requested extension is for Three (3) Months, extending the period for response from July 29, 2003 to October 29, 2003.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>October 29, 2003</b> , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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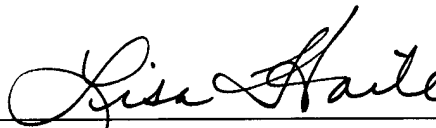
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Enclosed is Check No. 547191 in the amount of \$475.00, which consists of \$475.00 for the Three (3) Months Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 29, 2003



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